

# Library Letterhead

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### Check out [\[Your Library\]](#) for print-alternative resources

Do you or someone you love require reading alternatives because of a loss in vision or other physical restriction? Whether the need is permanent or temporary, [\[your library\]](#) can help by providing timely and interesting materials for recreational, cultural, or educational pursuits. In addition to offering [\[large print books, audio materials in both cassette and CD-ROM format, music, Playaways, eAudiobooks, DVDs, etc.\]](#), the library provides [\[help downloading eAudiobooks, community outreach, direct delivery service to patrons who are homebound, etc.\]](#),” said Library Director [\[name\]](#). [\[In addition, when we participate in the Big Read, Let’s Talk About It, or other book discussions, the selected book is available in an audio format.\]](#)

“As our population gets older, we all want to know ways we can help ourselves or someone we love keep reading,” said Library Director [\[name\]](#). “And with 1 out of 28 Americans over age 40 facing vision loss or blindness, according to the National Eye Institute, we want to make the community aware of our resources for those requiring print alternatives.

“We also can sign our patrons up with the Talking Book Service (TBS), a program offered by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. TBS provides thousands of books for people unable to read standard printed material. Even better, TBS services are provided free of charge to all Idahoans, including the mailing of reading materials and playback machines.” And it’s not just people with vision problems who can use the TBS service. Anyone who can’t hold a book, turn pages, or has been diagnosed by a professional with a reading disability due to an organic brain dysfunction can use the free service. Over 65,000 audio books are available, as well as free subscriptions to numerous magazines, and access to Braille books and magazines. In addition all materials can be searched and ordered via the online catalog and users with high speed Internet access can download titles to their players. There are even apps to allow users to download to their mobile devices! [\[Your library\]](#) can provide replacement players to TBS patrons if theirs breaks.

For more information on the services and resources that [\[your library\]](#) offers for patrons requiring reading alternatives, stop by at [\[address\]](#), contact [\[name/phone number\]](#) or check out our website at [\[www.yourURL\]](#).